

# 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION



## ***SAFETY GRAM***



### · MULTIPLE POV ACCIDENTS

There have been several POV accidents in the last two months resulting in serious injuries and two fatalities. **Speed, alcohol, and not wearing seat belts** continue to be the major factors in these accidents.

On 26 April two troopers were killed when the vehicle they were in left the road, hit a tree, and burst into flames. The estimated **speed** of the vehicle was in excess of 100 MPH. It is believed **alcohol** played a part in the accident as the troopers were seen earlier at local drinking establishments.

On 27 May a trooper was returning home after purchasing a motorcycle from a local dealer. The trooper lost control of the bike and laid it down in front of a car. The trooper sustained serious injuries to his head and lungs. The **trooper had not attended** the Experienced Rider's Motorcycle DDC course.

On 14 June a trooper was traveling home on leave when he encountered a severe storm. The vehicle left the road and hit a tree. The trooper sustained major injuries to his spine which may result in a permanent disability. **Going too fast** for conditions appears to be a contributing factor in the accident.

On 19 June a trooper was traveling at a high rate of **speed** on a local highway. The trooper lost control of the vehicle which left the road and hit a telephone pole. The trooper was **not wearing a seat belt** and was ejected from the car resulting in serious injuries.

***BE SAFE***

**COMMAND ATTENTION REQUIRED**

Leaders at all levels must do everything in their power to educate troopers to the dangers of operating a POV while impaired, of excessive speed, and not wearing seat belts.